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A 30-second nightmare for pair



Sasha Baronovsky and Vanessa Richard by the door of their apartment on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Moran Street. Residents 'still in shock,' looking to relocate after home invasion by masked men



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A Halifax resident who fought off two intruders armed with Tasers says he's baffled and disturbed by the attack.

"Even if I could get these people in a room and ask them what ... is their problem, that would make me feel better," said Sasha Baronovsky, 25, on Thursday. "Even if it was, 'We thought you was this drug dealer,' I want to ... know what's going on here."

Baronovsky returned to his Moran Street apartment around 11 p.m. Wednesday and left the door unlocked while handing coffee to Vanessa Richard, who he shares the apartment with.

A few minutes later, they heard the outer door open.

Baronovsky opened the inner door to find two masked

men, who started shocking him with small Tasers.

"I think the creepiest part was the silence. They didn't say anything," said Baronovsky.

The Tasers were weak, and an enraged Baronovsky fought back, repelling the pair into the entryway.

"If (Vanessa) and the cats wouldn't have been here ... I probably would have tried to talk to them," he said. "But it was her and the cats behind me, you guys are in front of me, and it's going to stay that way."

Horror

"My heart stopped as soon as I saw their two stupid masked faces."

Vanessa Richard, home-invasion victim

Baronovsky kept swinging — and connecting — until the hapless pair gave up, taking off in a waiting silver car.

Richard, meanwhile, ran the couple's three cats out of harm's way and returned to help — only to find the dust

already settling.

"My brain was going insane, because I was going, 'Is he getting stabbed; do they have guns,'" she said. "By the time I came back to the door, Sasha has them both out of the house. And I'm like, what happened?"

The intruders were carrying backpacks, and Baronovsky said he believes they expected to find drugs in the apartment.

"We're quiet people; we don't look for trouble," said Richard, adding she wants to find a new home, pronto. "Are they going to come back because he beat the crap out of one of them?"

The pair called police, but Baronovsky believes a "ghost" unit was already on the street and missed the entire event.

A Halifax police spokesperson said there was no indication of any unmarked units in the area at the time.

"If there would have been a unit there, all our officers can be radioed," said Const. Pierre Bourdages. "They would have known what was going on. They would have helped."

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Drunk driver: 'Brain damage' led me into that liquor store

Sentenced. Man who killed two people in 2004 given time served for two counts of breach of conditions



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A man deemed a high-risk offender after killing two people while driving drunk told a Halifax judge on Thursday his brain damage led him to walk into a liquor store in January.

Michael Gerard Cooper, 55, pleaded guilty to two counts of breach of conditions in Halifax provincial court Thursday and was released after being sentenced to time served, as he had already spent over a month in custody.

Cooper was arrested on Jan. 28 for entering the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation outlet beside Sobeys on Mumford Road and was remanded to the East Coast

Quoted

"His motives for doing and saying things in the past were attributed to a bad attitude, where it appears there is actually a brain injury that's affecting his ability to function."

Crown attorney Susan MacKay

Forensic Hospital for a fitness assessment.

The report stated Cooper was criminally responsible but has significant brain damage as a result of a traumatic injury during the collision where he killed two people, making it difficult for him to live independently.

"Half the time I don't even think about where I'm going or what I'm doing," Cooper said in court when asked if he wanted to speak.

"Brain damage, that's all it is."

Damage to the frontal lobe is often accompanied by socially inappropriate behaviour and comments,



Michael Gerard Cooper leaves provincial court in January. JEFF HARPER/METRO

and has changed Cooper's personality drastically, the assessment said.

Crown attorney Susan MacKay told the court she had spoken with Cooper's brother, who has set up a living situation in Dartmouth, where Cooper's landlady will supervise him during the day and give him work

around the building, since he was a carpenter.

"We don't have any reason to think that he's actively going out there, trying to get behind the wheel of a car and drive when he's drunk," MacKay said outside court.

MacKay said she is hopeful Cooper will get more as-

sistance when he is assessed by Community Services.

Cooper was released from a federal penitentiary in New Brunswick on Jan. 22 after serving a seven-year sentence for killing Angela Smits, 19, and her boyfriend Michael MacLean, 20, in May 2004 in the collision in Cape Breton.

Operation Interloper snags 11 suspects

Police in Halifax say 11 people are facing charges after a month-long investigation into street-level drug trafficking in the Halifax area.

Titled Operation Interloper, police say they executed search warrants at five different locations on Thursday morning and arrested nine

men, one woman and one male youth ranging in age from 17 to 61. Cocaine and marijuana were allegedly seized in the stings.

In a release, police say they have "significantly disrupted the street level drug trade operating in our community" because of these ar-

rests.

They say the operation is on-going and more arrests and charges are expected.

The following 11 people have been charged with drug offences: Geno Clayton, 20, Halifax; Raheem Orlando Munroe, 20; Mandelle Thane Carvery, 25; Shancy Cen-

tel Simmonds, 32; Shanacy Racquel Simmonds, 32; Richard Edward Ring, 35; Nelson Nolan Drummond, 48; Darrell Wade Flint, 50; Kirk Parris, 61, Halifax; Shilo Beals, 30, Halifax; a 17-year-old male youth from Dartmouth.

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Police seeking car in Sudds homicide case

Crime. Investigators now say man was killed days before his body was found



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Halifax police are releasing more information about a 2013 murder and asking the public to help find another piece of the puzzle.

Investigators on Thursday released a photo detailing the style and colour of a car that they believe is connected with the death of Matthew Thomas Sudds in October.

"We're looking for anyone that might have seen a Dodge charger, black in colour, with out-of-province plates after 6 p.m. on Africville Road (on Oct. 10)," said Halifax Regional Police Const. Pierre Bourdages.

Bourdages said it's not known which province the



An example of the car police are looking for. CONTRIBUTED

plates on the vehicle are from. The black Charger was seen on Africville Road around 6 p.m. on Oct. 10.

Sudds was last seen in Halifax around 4 p.m. on Oct. 10 and spoke with family members in the early evening.

His body was found in a ditch on Africville Road by a woman out for a walk on Oct. 13.

Police have said he was the victim of a shooting, and they are now releasing more details about his death.

"We now believe Mr. Sudds was murdered on Africville Road in the evening of Oct. 10," said Bourdages. "We do know he was seen by friends in the afternoon of the 10th and murdered there in the evening."

Sudds was known to police, but they wouldn't confirm online postings made shortly after the discovery of his body suggesting he was a member of the violent Spryfield M.O.B. gang.

Police also said it's too early to say whether Sudds' killing



Police say Matthew Sudds was murdered last October. His body was found on Africville Road. FACEBOOK

was random or targeted.

Bourdages said the investigation is progressing.

"We've had an investigator on this file since the get-go and when information can be re-

leased, in any investigation, we do so," he said.

"We still are looking for any information that might lead us to whoever is responsible for Mr. Sudds' murder, but at this

time, we're looking for info on that vehicle."

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Crime

Woman accused of elder abuse

Police in Nova Scotia have charged a 59-year-old home-care worker with elder abuse against a woman in her 80s.

Lunenburg County RCMP say on Feb. 25 they were called by the Lunenburg County senior safety co-ordinator about an 81-year-old woman being abused in her home.

The victim suffered minor injuries and has since been removed from the home and put in a long-term-care facility.

Delores Blanche Labinowicz of Back Center appeared in court on Wednesday, charged with one count of assault and one count of forcible confinement in relation to the case.

She has been released and is due back in court on April 9. **METRO**

Charged

Lots of impaired drivers last month

Police say 49 people were charged in February for impaired driving.

Thirty-seven of the drivers were men and 12 were women, their ages ranging from 18 to 61.

Sixteen were over twice the legal limit and one was over triple, police said.

Twenty-three were caught by police on patrols, nine after a collision and 17 by citizens. Four of the cases were drug-related.

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Nova Scotia's political parties unite in calling for public inquiry

Loretta Saunders.
Outrage over missing, murdered aboriginal women keeps growing

Nova Scotia's three main party leaders have joined the call for a national public inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women following the slaying of Loretta Saunders.

Liberal Premier Stephen McNeil said Saunders' death is a tragic reminder of a serious issue.

"I commend the federal government for its efforts so far but I urge my federal colleagues to take this work one step further," McNeil said Thursday in a joint statement with the leaders of the Progressive Conservatives and NDP.

Saunders, a 26-year-old



People take part in a vigil on Ottawa's Parliament Hill on Wednesday for Loretta Saunders and to call for a national inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Inuit woman from Labrador, was studying at Saint Mary's University in Halifax when she vanished last month. At

the time, the honours student was writing her thesis on murdered and missing aboriginal women.

Her remains were found by the side of a New Brunswick highway two weeks after her disappearance. Blake Legette,

25, and his 28-year-old girlfriend, Victoria Henneberry, are charged with first-degree murder in her death.

It is estimated there are hundreds of cases of missing and murdered aboriginal women dating back to the 1960s. A United Nations human-rights investigator called that statistic disturbing last year during a fact-finding visit to Canada in which he also urged the federal government to hold an inquiry.

Canada's provincial and territorial leaders backed the request for a formal inquiry into the issue after meeting with aboriginal leaders last July.

The pressure on Ottawa to act has continued to mount since Saunders's death.

The federal Conservatives say they renewed funding to combat violence against aboriginal women in their recent budget and have so far

Premier's appeal

The provincial government said Premier Stephen McNeil has written to the federal ministers of justice, aboriginal affairs and the status of women expressing the need for an inquiry.

resisted pleas for an inquiry.

A special parliamentary committee has also been studying the issue, but Nova Scotia Tory Opposition Leader Jamie Baillie said the time has come for a full-fledged national inquiry, calling it "an important next step."

NDP Leader Maureen MacDonald said Saunders' death highlights what she calls a troubling pattern of violence against women that needs to be addressed by all levels of government.

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Critics denounce Nazi flag in political cartoon

Some readers of the Pictou Advocate were left wondering if a political cartoon in the paper went too far.

"I saw it yesterday and thought there must be a joke in there somewhere," said Tyler Cameron. "But I just don't get it; it's hateful."

The cartoon features a swastika flag flying over the Canadian Parliament buildings with the words "Harper's Economic Action Plan."

"I would like to express my strong dismay and condemnation of the editorial cartoon published in the Pictou Advocate on March 5th," said Central Nova MP Peter MacKay in a statement.

"This image is deeply offensive, outrageous, insulting and completely inappropriate. I call on all parties involved to make an unequivocal apology."

Jon Goldberg, executive director of the Atlantic Jewish Council, also issued a statement.

"The tasteless and inappropriate use of the swastika to make a political point only trivializes the horrific crimes of the Nazis. Such a



The cartoon printed in the Pictou Advocate. NEW GLASGOW NEWS



MP Peter MacKay
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

cartoon is offensive to the Jewish community, to all who suffered during WWII and to Canadian veterans who sacrificed so much to liberate Europe from Nazi rule," he wrote. "We hope that The Advocate will apologize for its disappointing decision to print this cartoon."

A piece did appear on The

Advocate site later Thursday addressing the controversy.

"If our editorial cartoon in the March 5 edition of The Advocate has offended anyone, we sincerely apologize," it reads.

It states the cartoon was simply meant as satire on Harper's Economic Action Plan and its implications for some segments of the community. The article stated that those are the views of the contributor and not necessarily that of The Advocate itself. NEW GLASGOW NEWS



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Cape Breton. Regional enterprise network proposal under review

Nova Scotia's economic development minister says his department is reviewing a proposal for the creation of a regional enterprise network in Cape Breton.

Michel Samson said the government likes the idea but it's examining the proposal to ensure it is workable.

Officials from Cape Breton's four largest municipalities signed on to the proposal in January. It includes the Cape Breton Regional

Municipality and the counties of Inverness, Richmond and Victoria.

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Funding

Michael Samson said if it's approved, the network will be eligible for provincial funding. A final decision is expected to be made within a couple of weeks.

Audit

Phone contract bid on hold after bidder complains

A multimillion-dollar tender to provide the Nova Scotia government with landline telephones is on hold after a complaint was raised about the process to buy them.

The cabinet minister responsible for the government's information management system says a bidder raised an objection about the three-year contract, valued at \$6 million to \$8 million a year.

Labi Kousoulis wouldn't release details about the complaint, except to say it was procedural and not criminal in nature. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Demise of Springhill no surprise to Ivany



Ray Ivany, head of a five-member panel on Nova Scotia's economic recovery, speaking in Halifax last month. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Taking control of your circumstances.'
Man who led economic study speaks about decision of Springhill

A decision by Springhill council to dissolve the town in northern Nova Scotia isn't surprising, but it is a recognition by local councillors that something had to be done to deal with its financial problems, says a university president who led a panel on the province's economic future.

Acadia University's Ray Ivany said Thursday he expects a number of other municipalities will be faced with decisions similar to that taken by Springhill because of shrinking populations and economic decline.

Ivany said the move by

Springhill is consistent with the analysis in the panel's report released last month, which warned that Nova Scotia faces a bleak future unless population and economic trends are reversed.

"We're at a point now that you can't make the numbers work when you look at the changes that we've had in our population demography," said Ivany. "Unless something else changes on the economic side, the equation just won't work."

Ivany spoke after appearing before the legislature's economic development committee. Springhill council voted this week to dissolve its status as a town and join Cumberland County by April 1, 2015. Mayor Maxwell Snow said council felt it had no choice after years of dealing with rising costs, and a decreasing population.

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Government open to helping Michelin if asked: Premier

But 'no grants.'
Hundreds losing jobs over next 18 months

Nova Scotia's premier isn't ruling out future help for Michelin in Canada but Stephen McNeil says any financial assistance will be free of grants to the multinational corporation.

McNeil said Thursday the tire manufacturing giant has not asked for assistance but the government would consider a proposal if it is brought forward.

Michelin had been a good corporate citizen during its time in the province, he said.

"If they see their opportunities for expansion here, then our government would be willing to have the conversation, but there's been no ask," said McNeil.

The Liberal premier was elected last fall after a cam-

Layoffs
200

The number of Michelin employees being laid off on June 30. The other 300 will be laid off the following year.

paign in which he promised to end so-called giveaways to large corporations.

Asked whether he would break that pledge to keep Michelin in Nova Scotia, McNeil replied: "We've sent a message to companies in this province that we're not in the business of giving out free money. We have not ruled out the possibility of being in a loan position with companies."

When prompted for clarification, McNeil said there would be "no grants."

He said the government is sending three cabinet ministers to Pictou County on Friday



Premier Stephen McNeil says the government would consider helping Michelin. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

for discussions with local politicians on how best to respond to the loss of 500 jobs over the next two years at Michelin's

plant in Granton.

The company says it will phase out production of small tires at the plant in response

to a continuing shift toward larger tires in the North American car tire market.

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Marriage fraud. Man faces jail, fines

A Dartmouth man could face prison time and thousands of dollars in fines if convicted of marriage fraud.

A release from the Canada Border Services Agency states that Andrey Trubnikov has been charged with two counts of misrepresentation under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

CBSA criminal investigators allege that Trubnikov entered into a "marriage of convenience" and hid the fact that he wasn't living with his sponsor at the time that his permanent residence application was being processed.

"Marriage fraud is a serious issue," states CBSA director Tom Critchlow in the release. "The CBSA is committed to protecting the integrity of our immigration system and to deterring people from using a marriage of convenience to manoeuvre around our immigration laws."

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Crimea sets vote to join Russia



Ukrainian riot police officers block pro-Russian supporters of activist Pavel Gubarev during a rally in Donetsk, Ukraine, Thursday. The country moved closer to breakup on Thursday. SERGEI CHUZAVKOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Future of Ukraine.

West answers Crimea's move with sanctions

Ukraine lurched toward breakup Thursday when lawmakers in Crimea unanimously declared they wanted to join Russia and would put the decision to voters in 10 days — and Russian lawmakers pushed a bill to facilitate a handover.

U.S. President Barack Obama condemned the moves and the West answered with the first real sanctions against Russia.

Speaking from the White House, Obama said any decisions on the future of Crimea, a pro-Russian area of Ukraine,

Proposed referendum

"This is our response to the disorder and lawlessness in Kyiv. We will decide our future ourselves."

Sergei Shuvainikov, member of the Crimea legislature

must include the country's new government.

"The proposed referendum on the future of Crimea would violate the constitution and violate international law," Obama said. "We are well beyond the days when borders can be redrawn over the heads of democratic leaders."

Russian President Vladimir Putin's hand was almost certainly behind Thursday's dramatic developments, but it was not clear whether he is aiming for outright annexation, or simply strengthening his hand in talks with the West.

The White House moved to impose financial sanctions and travel restrictions on opponents of Ukraine's new government. The EU also announced limited punitive measures against Putin's government.

Crimea's parliament rammed through what amounted to a declaration of independence from Ukraine, announcing it would let the Crimean people, 60 per cent of whom are ethnic Russian, decide whether they want to become part of their neighbour to the east. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Canada's stance

'A vestige of another century'

Crimea is under "illegal military occupation" and Canada will not recognize its forthcoming referendum on whether to join Russia, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday.

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird said it's impossible to organize a meaningful referendum in the 10-day time frame proposed.

He said Canada is deeply concerned about Russia's military actions.

"This is a vestige of another century," he said. "It's a Soviet-style tactic that's unacceptable for a G8 country and unacceptable in 2014. We're going to condemn it in the strongest of terms."

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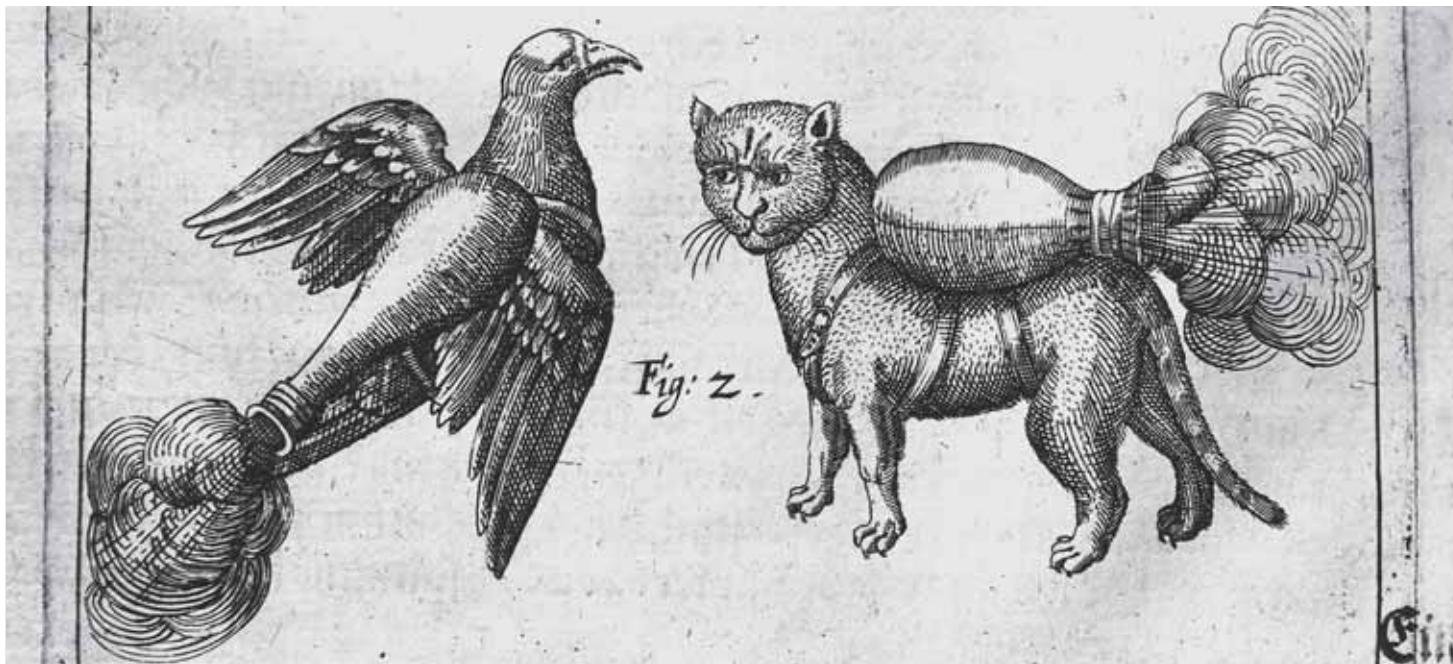
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An illustration from a fanciful manual on artillery and siege warfare by 16th-century artillery master Franz Helm. It depicts a cat and dove strapped with bombs. MATT ROURKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cats and doves suggested for war aids: 1500s manual

Boom! How many ways to wage war? One of man's favourite topics. This manual from the 1500s has some creative ideas

You're a 16th century Ger-

man prince plotting to crush a peasant rebellion, or perhaps you're leading an army against the Ottoman Empire or looking to settle the score with a rival nobleman. What's a guy looking for a tactical edge to do? Bring on the rocket cats!

Fanciful illustrations from a circa-1530 manual on artillery and siege warfare by

Franz Helm of Cologne seem to show jet packs strapped to the backs of cats and doves, with the German-language text helpfully advising military commanders to use them to "set fire to a castle or city which you can't get at otherwise."

Digitized by the University of Pennsylvania, the unusual, illustrations recently caught

the attention of an Australian book blog and then found their way to Penn researcher Mitch Fraas. "I really didn't know what to make of it," said Fraas, a historian and digital humanities expert at the Penn library. "It clearly looks like there's some sort of jet of fire coming out of a device strapped to these animals."

Fraas said he could find no evidence that cats and birds were used in early modern warfare in the way prescribed by Helm. A good thing, too.

"Sort of a harebrained scheme," Fraas said. Helm's manual is filled with strange and terrible imagery, from bombs with shrapnel to explosive devices studded with spikes. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Man and war

According to historian Mitch Fraas, Franz Helm explained how animals could be used to deliver incendiary devices:

- "Create a small sack like a fire-arrow. If you would like to get at a town or castle, seek to obtain a cat from that place. And bind the sack to the back of the cat, ignite it, let it glow well and thereafter let the cat go, so it runs to the nearest castle or town, and out of fear it thinks to hide itself where it ends up in barn hay or straw it will be ignited."
- In other words, capture a cat from enemy territory, attach a bomb to its back, light the fuse and then hope it runs back home and starts a raging fire.
- "More likely they'd set your own camp on fire," said Fraas.
- So were these unfortunate animals from the 1500s really wearing 20th-century technology? Fraas' conclusion: No. Obviously.
- Artillery master Franz Helm of Cologne was believed to have fought in several skirmishes against the Turks in south-central Europe. This was at a time when gunpowder was changing warfare. And war was certainly on his mind.



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American Senate debates military sex abuse, rape

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Senators refuse to take power over prosecution away from top commanders

The United States Senate on Thursday blocked a bill that would have stripped senior military commanders of their authority to prosecute rapes and other serious offences, capping an emotional, nearly yearlong fight over how best to curb sexual assault in the ranks.

The vote was 55-45, short of the 60 necessary to move ahead on the legislation sponsored by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, a Democrat.

The Pentagon's leader-

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sinclair

A U.S. army general accused of sexual assault was set to plead guilty to three lesser charges Thursday in a move that his lawyer says will strengthen his position going into trial.

- The primary accuser in the case is a female captain who claims Sinclair forced her to perform oral sex and threatened to kill her family if she told anyone.

ship vigorously opposed the measure, arguing that officers should have more responsibility, not less, for the conduct of those they lead.

Proponents of the bill insisted that far-reaching changes are necessary to curb a scourge of rapes and sexual assaults. Gillibrand's effort bitterly divided the Senate in a battle that smashed conventional lines on gender and political party.

Conservative Sens. Ted Cruz and Rand Paul, both possible Republican presidential contenders, backed her effort, while the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, Democratic Sen. Carl Levin, opposed the measure.

The U.S. military has struggled increasingly in recent years with sexual assault. The Pentagon estimated that 26,000 members of the military may have been sexually assaulted in 2012, though thousands were afraid to come forward.

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Searching a mass grave in Somaliland

In February the Chairman of the Somaliland War Crimes Commission, Kadar Ahmed, left, oversees members of the Peruvian Forensic Anthropology Team as they work to uncover bodies buried in a mass grave in Hargeisa, Somaliland, a breakaway region of Somalia. Tens of thousands of skeletons may lie in mass graves on the northern edge of Somalia. Many want to see justice prevail, even if delayed. JASON STRAZIUSO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boundary of N.S. & N.B.

Moose Sex Project gets a donation of more border land

The Nature Conservancy of Canada has received another 83 hectares of private land to help it promote cross-border moose love at

the boundary of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The group has been assembling parcels of land to form a corridor on the Chignecto Isthmus. The project is aimed at encouraging the migration of New Brunswick's healthy moose population to Nova Scotia, where the species is endangered.

The conservation group says it has already protected 164 hectares in the area nearby and over 800 hectares across the isthmus that joins the two provinces. Donations have come from a number of private landowners, including Derek Burney, former ambassador to the U.S. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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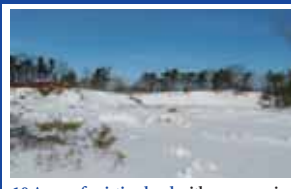
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From 'high risk' to hopeful

International Women's Day. Lawrence Hill, author of *The Book of Negroes*, writes about his experience volunteering with girls at high risk for sexual assault and HIV exposure



**LAWRENCE
HILL**
For Metro Canada

As International Women's Day approaches, I wonder how many Hillside High Schools exist in the world. But I would bet good money that there is no Hillside High School like the one I saw in Manzini, Swaziland.

In early February I had travelled to Swaziland as a volunteer to support the work of Crossroads International and its local de-

velopment partner, the Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse (SWAGAA).

The girls greeted me by singing at the top of their lungs. There were nearly 100 girls crammed into a room with no open windows. Finally, a teacher held up her hand, brought the singing to a halt and asked what was on the girls' minds lately.

The answers came ringing out lucidly and unadorned: Was it appropriate for a high school girl to take up with a sugar daddy? What if they were exposed to HIV and died like their parents? What about teenage pregnancy?

Swaziland has the highest rate of HIV in the world, and young women are the hardest hit of all.

According to a study in 2008, 37 per cent of girls between 15 and 19 have HIV. In Swaziland, one girl in three will be sexually abused before age 18. The wave of sexual violence is so unrelenting that SWAGAA has created a network of "girls' empower-



Author Lawrence Hill with a girls' empowerment club in Swaziland. COURTESY CROSSROADS INTERNATIONAL

ment clubs" to teach girls about their legal rights, issues of sexual reproductive health, and the need to oppose and report abuse.

The day after I visited Hillside High School, I gave a creative writing workshop.

Almost every girl in the group of 20 spoke or wrote about sexual assault. One girl began a writing exercise with these words: "Darkness

Crossroads International, a small Canadian NGO I have

been supporting as a volunteer for 35 years, directs its development activities to girls and women in various African countries and in Bolivia.

In the case of Swaziland, the girls' empowerment

clubs “are saving lives,” says SWAGAA executive director Cebile Manzini-Henwood.

"There is urgency in the need to address sexual violence against young girls in my country, to teach them about practices that constitute gender-based violence and provide a safe space for them to report the violations and receive care, love and support."

On the eve of International Women's Day, let's remember girls and women around the world when we are donating from our own pockets and channeling Canadian-led development efforts.

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PM's ex-adviser under illegal lobbying probe

Serious allegations.
Harper's former senior staffer faces new RCMP investigation

The RCMP is probing serious new allegations of illegal lobbying by a former senior adviser to Prime Minister Stephen Harper in connection with his

work for a powerful business-funded energy advocacy group in Calgary.

The RCMP says that after Bruce Carson left the PMO he steadily worked federal Conservative contacts at the top-most levels to influence the development of a new national energy strategy and got handsomely paid for it, contrary to the criminal code and lobbying laws that ban lobbying within

five years of holding a public office.

The revelations raise fresh and troubling questions about the access that Carson, a once disbarred lawyer, had to top officials in the Conservative government without anyone suggesting it might breach the Conservatives' own rules.

"None of them blew the whistle," said NDP ethics critic Charlie Angus. But Harper's

parliamentary secretary shrugged off Opposition questions in the Commons Wednesday; first saying Carson is "a private citizen," then claiming the government did refer his activities to federal authorities.

"If this gentleman is found to have broken any laws, he should suffer under the full consequences of the law," said MP Paul Calandra.

In fact, documents show

the federal lobbying commissioner initiated in November 2011 her own probe of Carson's questionable lobbying activities for the Canada School of Energy and Environment as well as a business-funded group calling itself the Energy Policy Institute of Canada or EPIC. Karen Shepherd finally referred the allegations to the RCMP in July 2012.

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Connections

It's a sign of how well-connected Carson was that emails eyed by the RCMP tie him to many senior Conservative and Liberal contacts, including Harper's top public servant, Privy Council clerk Wayne Wouters, and former chief of staff Nigel Wright.

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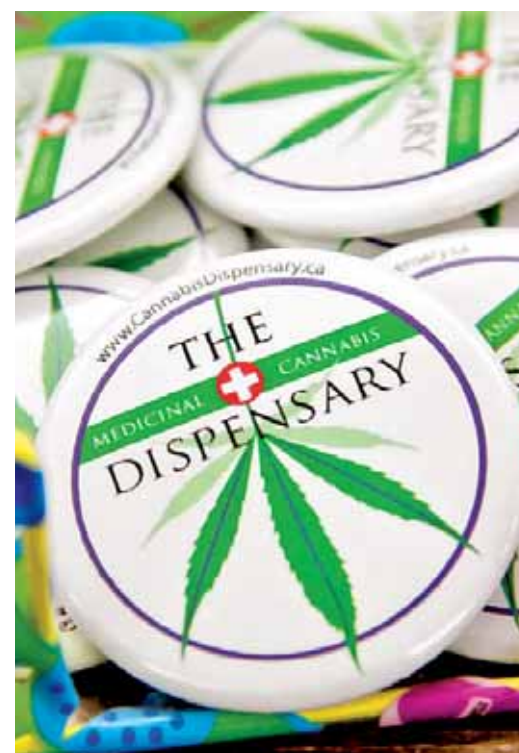
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Buttons are displayed at The Dispensary in Vancouver on Thursday. The Vancouver police have sent a message to the federal government about its new medicinal marijuana laws saying that they are more concerned with violent drug traffickers and will take a mostly hands-off approach to the many medical pot shops in the city. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Privacy

Tight-lipped telecom industry

Privacy advocates say they're disappointed with vague responses from Canadian telecommunication companies about when and how they hand customer information to police and security agencies.

Researcher Christopher Parsons, who helped lead the effort to find out more about the practices, says just 10 of 16 Internet and telephone companies responded to a January questionnaire.

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Montreal

All nuit long

If a pilot project being proposed by Mayor Denis Coderre is successful, Montrealers might be able to drink till dawn.

Coderre says he doesn't see any reason why watering holes shouldn't be allowed to sell booze until 6 a.m. — a three-hour extension of current licensing laws. If it's ever allowed, there would only be a two-hour gap when bars couldn't serve alcohol — between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m.

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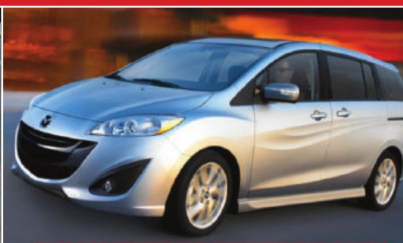
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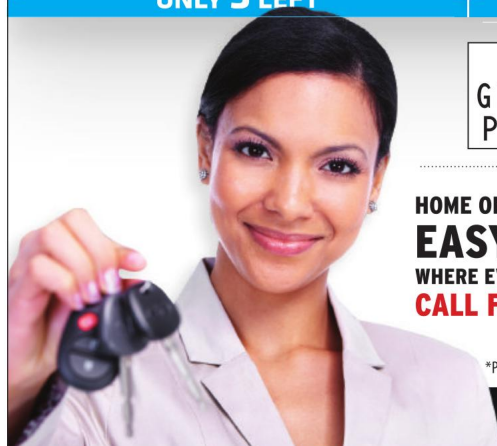
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The Deals are Great at Exit 8 in Dartmouth!

We Day is heading across the pond to its inaugural U.K. event — the first outside of North America — this Friday at Wembley Arena in London. It's expected 12,000 students (including 130 from Canada) and teachers from more than 380 schools will be in attendance ... along with Prince Harry and a number of other celebs.

The Canadian invasion

We Day lands in the U.K. Inaugural event hopes to leave British youth with an infectious message of doing good

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Each year, EF's Global Citizen Scholarship is awarded to 10 students across Canada who demonstrate a passion for global citizenship. And this year, the winners are heading to London and Berlin to participate in We Day U.K. and EF's Science & Innovation Summit in Berlin.

"What's unique about this event is that we have over 130 students from Canada joining with EF Tours to experience our first international We Day event and share their excitement with students in the U.K. who get to see it for the first time," said Craig Kielburger, international activist and co-founder of Free The Children.

Prerana Gambhir, a Grade 12 student with Fraser Heights Secondary in Surrey, B.C., is one of those 10 scholarship students. Gambhir, 17, is head of her school's global issues club and head delegate for the model UN.



Romeo Tello, a councillor with the City Youth Council of Toronto, is hyped to exchange ideas with other youth at We Day U.K. PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

This year, the club is focused on women's empowerment; they're fundraising to support two girls' education in Tanzania and using any excess funds they raise to support micro-financing projects for women in developing countries.

As an immigrant to Canada, Gambhir says she realizes the importance of a free education. "I wanted to contribute and do my bit," she said.

In addition to fundraising through Free The Children's

Quoted

"What you want to do is help (recipients) create a self-sufficient lifestyle."

Prerana Gambhir, a grade 12 student who is passionate about sustainability issues

We Are Silent and We Scare Hunger campaigns, the global issues club has also created its own campaign called Five Days of Fire — a



Prerana Gambhir is the head of her school's global issues club.

five-day competition that includes food and games.

Gambhir feels strongly about the topic of sustainability. A lot of people feel they're doing their part just by raising money, she said, "but what you want to do is help (recipients) create a self-sufficient lifestyle."

With We Day U.K., it means getting that message across to an even larger audience.

Gambhir is excited to see education activist Malala Yousafzai at the event. "I've heard her speeches in the UN and her stories are truly moving," she said. She's also excited to see Evanna Lynch, who plays Luna Lovegood in the Harry Potter movies. "I'm a huge Harry Potter fan," she added.

Romeo Tello, a Grade 11 student with Monarch Park Collegiate in Toronto, is

also on his way to London on scholarship. Tello, 16, is a councillor with the City Youth Council of Toronto, working with local reps on community issues and campaigns. His efforts have led, for example, to the extension of library hours in his community.

He also works with the school's Free the Children club, Minga. Last year, the club sent a group of students to India to help build a school; students are currently raising funds to build a school in Ecuador.

"I'm one of those more fortunate youth who got to see We Day grow into what it is now," said Tello. "I've been to one of the first We Days in Toronto and now I get to go to the first international one."

Like Gambhir, he's excited to see Yousafzai at We Day U.K. But he's also hoping the trip will spark ideas through collaboration with like-minded youth — sort of like an informal forum of ideas.

"In my school we're all from the same neighbourhood — the discussion is pretty similar," said Tello. "These are nine other people from different areas of the country and our views will be different, our strategies will be different ... and hopefully some tangible strategies will come out of that."

We Day U.K. 101

- Co-chaired by Holly Branson and Lord Rumi Verjee, We Day U.K. features actress Jennifer Hudson, songstress Ellie Goulding, artist Dizze Rascal, and Malala Yousafzai, the international education activist and co-founder of the Malala Fund.
- Free The Children is one of the world's largest youth-driven charities. So far, it's helped to build more than 650 schools, providing education to 55,000 children, in eight developing countries.
- We Day is free to attend; schools earn their tickets by taking action in local and global communities.
- "We have students coming from all over England, Wales, Scotland, the Isle of Man, Northern Ireland and even the Republic of Ireland," said Craig Kielburger. "The young people in the U.K. are already incredibly creative and engaged in service actions and we can't wait to see the impact the first We Day event will have on them."



Malala Yousafzai
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So did the chicken or egg get there first?



Hannah Owen says her experience with Free The Children spurred her on to start her own fundraising efforts. PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

In 2010, Hannah Owen went to Rwanda with her dad, actor Clive Owen. She was 13 years old. They were there as guests of Aegis Trust, a British NGO that campaigns to prevent genocide.

It was a life-changing experience. "I had been opened up to the world of Africa ... but I never really had the experience of youth empowerment," she said. It was a trip to Kenya a year later with Me to We — to visit a Free The Children development — that helped her see how youth could make a difference.

"It had the most incredible impact on me," said Owen. "It completely changed my perspective on what is possible."

When she returned home,



Hannah and her sister competed in a chicken and egg race through London to see who would finish first.

she started her own fundraising efforts. A conversation with friends turned into a chicken-and-egg race with her sister through the streets of London (each dressed in a costume) to see who would come first: the chicken or the egg. "It

was completely bonkers," she said, adding that they managed to raise \$5,900 that went toward education in Kenya. Over the past three years, Owen estimates she's helped to raise about \$18,500 for various causes.

She's particularly excited to hear Malala Yousafzai speak at We Day U.K. Of course, she'll also be there to see her dad take the stage.

"He has pushed me and opened the doors to that world," she says of her dad.

As for We Day U.K., Owen believes it's going to have a big impact on British youth.

"It will be a spark for an amazing cloud of positivity around the U.K."

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Visit metronews.ca Friday afternoon for more coverage from the very first We Day in the U.K.

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What were Coke execs on when they came up with this ad?

A Diet Coke ad is seen at 84th Street and First Avenue in New York City. While Coca Cola insists its new campaign is about life's big and small "You're on" moments, many are finding it hard to ignore the phrase's more colloquial meaning — namely, you're on drugs.

DAVID ROTH/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Could Mattel deal earn Girl Scouts a Bad Idea patch?

Activist. The Barbie participation patch would transform little girls into 'walking ads'



Can I get a patch for "idealizing an impossible body type?"
MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

America's top doll, Barbie, finds herself in controversy once again, this time over a business partnership between her manufacturer, Mattel, and the Girl Scouts.

On Thursday, two consumer advocacy groups often critical of corporate advertising tactics — the Campaign for a Commercial Free Childhood and the Center for a New American Dream — criticized Barbie as a flawed role model for little girls and launched a petition drive urging the Girl Scouts of the USA to

ship with Mattel, announced last August, includes a Barbie-themed activity book, a website, and a Barbie participation patch — the first Girl Scout uniform patch with corporate sponsorship.

"Holding Barbie, the quintessential fashion doll, up as a role model for Girl Scouts simultaneously sexualizes young girls, idealizes an impossible body type, and undermines the Girl Scouts' vital mission to build 'girls of courage, confidence and character,'" said Susan Linn, director of the Boston-based commercial-free childhood organization.

She said the Barbie patch — targeted at 5-to-8-year-old Daisies and Brownies — would transform these girls into "walking advertisements." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

end the partnership. The Girl Scouts said they would not do so.

The Girl Scouts' partner-

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Student debt

Flinging up his \$5,400 grad cap

A University of Michigan-Flint senior has taken a chunk out of his tuition debt by selling ad space on his graduation cap. Alex Benda raised \$5,400 US as of Thursday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Enbridge's Line 9 pipeline reversal gets go ahead

The National Energy Board issued a green light Thursday to energy giant Enbridge's plan to reverse the flow and increase the capacity of a pipeline that has been running between southern Ontario and Montreal for years.

The 141-page decision on the controversial Line 9 comes some four months after the federal regulator held public hearings on the Calgary-based company's proposal.

"The board's decision en-

ables Enbridge to react to market forces and provide benefits to Canadians, while at the same time implementing the project in a safe and environmentally sensitive manner," the NEB said in a statement.

"Enbridge will be permitted to operate all of Line 9 in an eastward direction in order to transport crude oil from Western Canada and the U.S. Bakken region to refineries in Ontario and Quebec."

The approval is subject to a number of conditions, which include Enbridge being required to undertake activities involving pipeline integrity, emergency response and continued consultation with stakeholders and the public.

The board also requires Enbridge to apply for leave to open the reversed Line 9.

"The board has imposed conditions that will enhance current and ongoing pipeline integrity, safety and environ-

mental protection measures to which Line 9 is already subject," the NEB wrote in its conclusion. "It is now up to Enbridge to fulfil its commitments and satisfy the Board's requirements."

Enbridge said it was already working on a plan to fulfil those requirements, saying the NEB's approval will allow "reliable, competitive North American crude oil" to be delivered to refineries in Ontario and Quebec.

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In case of a spill

The board was not unanimous, however, in the conditions it set out for Enbridge related to financial ability to deal with a spill

- One member said he would have liked Enbridge to be required to demonstrate that it has "legally enforceable access to financial

resources which are and will continue to be adequate to fund any reasonably foreseeable NEB-regulated obligations which arise as a result of a spill."

- Ultimately, however, the board found that the Line 9 proposal was "in the public interest."



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THAT TIME WE BROKE TWITTER

1 Celebrity selfie. It was bound to happen, and the world can thank Ellen DeGeneres for being the first to discover that if you take a picture with the world's biggest stars on live TV, and then challenge those viewers to break a retweet record, and it's free ... somebody's setting a new retweet record. #OscarSelfie

2 Mayor of late night. Jimmy Kimmel's most talked-about guest was Toronto's Rob Ford. Kimmel poked some fun and showed a video montage of the mayor's various missteps, read him a letter from an angry Torontonian, and grilled him until the mayor was literally sweating. Among Ford's top comments were "the apologies are over, I'm moving on," "I wasn't elected to be perfect," and the golden quote, "Actions speak louder than words." Oh, I'm done.

3 Pardon my French. Quebec Premier Pauline Marois, hoping to capitalize on recent polls putting her ahead of the Liber-



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als, has called an election. Her goal is to achieve a majority government that will allow her to adopt her controversial Charter of Quebec Values. *No hashtags were suitable for print.*

4 Academy hustle. Fans of American Hustle were disappointed as the film's 10 nominations yielded zero wins. It never had a chance as host Ellen DeGeneres pointed out with my favourite line of the night: "Possibility number one, 12 Years A Slave wins best picture. Possibility number two, you're all racist."

5 Frosty tweets. Checking my Twitter account (@TheMetroList) while crossing the street, I stepped into a pothole that filled my boot with freezing water as a truck passed by splashing slush over the entire right side of my body, and the hashtag staring back at me was #SpringForward. Terrific. One less hour of bed rest.

6 The Voice. In this week's blind auditions, one mentor reigned supreme, collecting artist after great artist with nothing but his three previous wins and the promise of a good time. Of all the musical talent on the panel, that man was the quick-witted and charismatic Blake Shelton. #TeamBlake

7 Dancing With the Stars. ABC revealed their lineup for the upcoming season. Contestants include: Danica McKellar of The Wonder Years, Candace Cameron Bure of Full House, Drew Carey, and Diana Nyad who swam from Cuba to Key West last year. Hashtag is #DWTS because it's shorter than #DancingWithPeopleYouNeverHeardof, or Forgot.

8 Puck daddy. The Vancouver Canucks traded goaltender Roberto Luongo to the Florida Panthers, tweeted his picture with the quote, "This caught me off guard, but I'm excited. I'm going home." then deleted it! No one knows why, but it spawned a barrage of creative tweets including one with Luongo's face on a 'Get out of jail free' card, referring to Vancouver's escape from the 35-year-old's 12-year contract that still has eight years to go.

ZOOM

How does this sound to you?



3D-printed cone is music to the ears

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Q & A

Heightened senses

Metro spoke to designer
Emilie Baltz

What considerations are there when matching a foodstuff to a music experience?

Our goal with performance

food experiences is to study the relationship between the senses. It is challenging to say there is a 'should' involved in pairing sound with food. Anything can be paired with anything; the interesting piece is the resulting emotion that is created from the mixture. Food is such a subjective, complex experience that each person reacts differently.

What other foods do you think would work well with musical accompaniment?

We tried marzipan, dough, cocktails, sodas and even the rogue jar of peanut butter, which did not work. Seeing as music is a rhythmic experience, the foodstuffs that beg for repetitive actions — like licking — for their ingestion are perfectly suited.

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This should not be allowed.. I for one would not want someone snapping a photo of me and posting it on the internet for everyone to see. These people deserve privacy, instead of being ridiculed.

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I don't think it's a big deal. The pictures aren't inappropriate, it's just a snapshot of what everyone else on the train is seeing. If you're falling asleep on public transportation and you think you deserve privacy, erm....stay awake? Go to sleep at home?? There's hardly a breach of privacy here.

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Synopsis

Based on characters from The Rocky and Bullwinkle Show, the movie stars the voice of Modern Family's Ty Burrell as Mr. Peabody, a beagle who is also the world's smartest being. Imagine Family Guy's Brian with less attitude but more PhDs. When his adopted son Sherman (Max Charles) bites schoolmate Penny (Ariel Winter) Peabody tries to smooth things by throwing a dinner for Penny's parents (Stephen Colbert and Leslie Mann). His party plan is almost derailed when Sherman and Penny hijack the WABAC device, a time machine that takes them to ancient Egypt and the Trojan War. Can Mr. Peabody rescue them before Penny's parents notice she's gone and the space-time continuum is irreparably destroyed? Steve Gow sits in for Mark Breslin this week.

• Richard: ●●●●●

• Mark: ●●●●●

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Mr. Peabody & Sherman opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Every dog has its day

Mr. Peabody & Sherman. Family flick still cuts clever for the adults in the theatre

Richard: Steve, Mr. Peabody & Sherman lacks the political bent of the original Jay Ward cartoon series, but it is loaded with references from literature, history and popular culture. It's the only kid's movie with an Oedipal joke and I can't imagine a Minion punning, "Marie Antoinette could have kept her head if she had issued an edict to distribute bread to the poor. But you can't have your cake and edict too." Which means it is stuffed with the spirit of

Ward, which is a good thing, even if it does veer off path with a sentimental father and son subplot. What did you think?

Steve: I agree 100 per cent, Richard. In fact, by dipping its proverbial toe into that father-son subplot, the film dares to touch on what other family films like Finding Nemo or The Incredibles have done better. Still, the movie's meteoric pace never lingers too long on any facet of the film and its niche truly is the ceaseless nods to historical events. My favourite had to be a clever throwback to Spartacus.

RC: I know the history element sounds dangerously educational for a mainstream

kid's flick, but the movie's trips back to ancient Egypt, the Trojan War and Leonardo Da Vinci's studio where they discover the secret of Mona Lisa's smile are really fun. They are made doubly so by great voice work. As the dim witted general Agamemnon, Patrick Warburton really stands out. He started the confident dumb guy routine on Seinfeld (as Elaine's on-and-off boyfriend Puddy) and uses it to hilarious effect here.

SG: And for those who remember the old Bullwinkle series, Ty Burrell does a pretty decent job voicing the movie's canine savant. Even more successful are the comedy's captivating visuals, especially the way director Rob Minkoff works the

3D to capture the measure of epic Trojan battles or travelling through the time-space continuum and not simply for eye-catching sight gags.

RC: The animation is top notch and like the best of Ward's work, Mr. Peabody & Sherman realizes that the material has to work on multi levels, the surface and the satirical. Like The Lego Movie, I think this movie will appeal to kids and adults.

SG: Again, I agree. The movie is a peppy, playful ride through history for all ages. In fact, it probably won't hurt either that most everyone in the audience will barely remember the old Bullwinkle cartoon.

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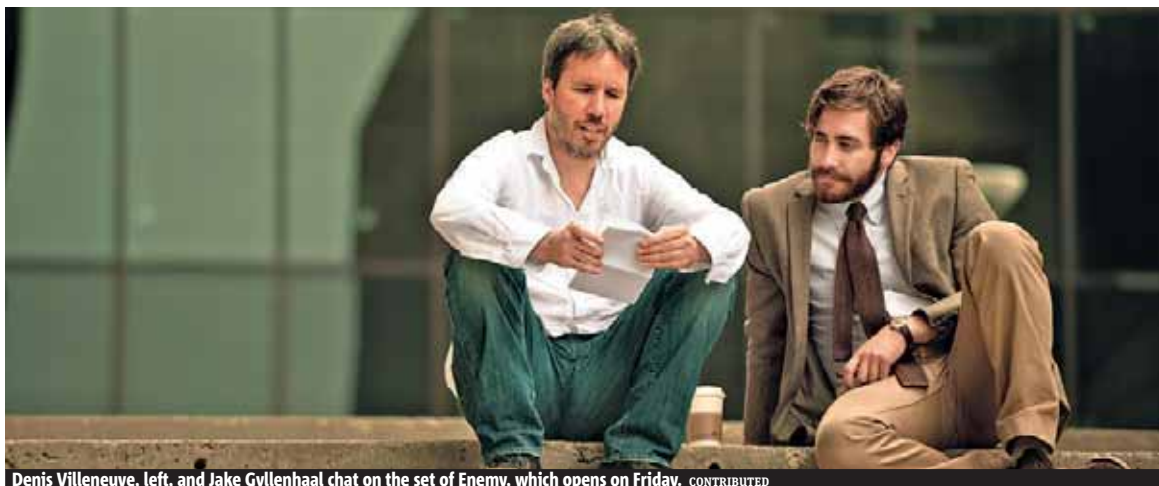
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Villeneuve's beautiful dark twisted fantasy



Denis Villeneuve, left, and Jake Gyllenhaal chat on the set of *Enemy*, which opens on Friday. CONTRIBUTED

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In many ways, 2013 was a dark year for Canadian filmmaker Denis Villeneuve and his right-hand actor, Jake Gyllenhaal. At the Toronto International Film Festival, the pair premiered two disparate — but both unsettling — films.

The one that garnered the most attention was the Hugh Jackman-fronted *Prisoners*, where Gyllenhaal plays the morally upright gumshoe Detective Loki. And while this role pulled plenty of praise for

Gyllenhaal, his more difficult turn as an actor came in Villeneuve's second offering at TIFF — the mind-bending *Enemy*.

The film, based on a book called *The Double* by Portuguese writer José Saramago, delves into deep thoughts on doppelgangers. It's a heavy psycho-erotic thriller whose ending refuses to be constrained with a neat bow. Gyllenhaal plays a melancholic Toronto-dwelling history prof who learns there's a D-list actor out in Mississauga who looks *exactly* like him. The actor is challenged to play two characters against himself when the doubles eventually meet.

"Denis was inspired by the book and was trying to find a really grand metropolis that matched his idea. He felt like Toronto has been shot at other places so often but not very often as itself," says Gyllenhaal, explaining the director's deci-

sion to set the story in Canada's largest city — a creative leap from the book.

The air is unsettling as the story unfurls in a grey and desolate Toronto. And as the doppelgangers continue to meet things just get more murky. "It's about the unconscious," Gyllenhaal says of the film. "There's a dream-like nature to it. Dreams are had in the dark and they have this darkness that's really beautiful," he adds.

Enemy is the kind of movie that taunts us to construct meaning from a fever-dream and will leave viewers debating its meaning long after the finale. "I feel like we're all searching for a concrete answer to films. We want a structure that is clear and a lot of times we want a resolution that will somehow bring us comfort in a discomforting world," says Gyllenhaal.

But even after this philo-

Canadian Screen Awards

Enemy is nominated for a number of Canadian Screen Awards, including best motion picture, achievement in direction (Denis Villeneuve), performance by an actor in a leading role (Jake Gyllenhaal) and performance by an actress in a supporting role (Sarah Gadon).

sophical moment, Gyllenhaal or himself can't escape that human desire to put things in order, offering his own interpretation on the tale: "I think it's about a man struggling with committing to a relationship and a marriage. It's the psychological journey, when you're trying to decide the parts of yourself to commit to and the parts of yourself to kill off," he says.

Canadian Screen Awards. Orphan Black, Degrassi take home hardware



Orphan Black has already notched eight CSA trophies. CONTRIBUTED

The sci-fi serial *Orphan Black* heads into this weekend's Canadian Screen Awards with a leading eight trophies already under its belt.

The Space smash became the TV leader at an early industry gala that bestowed acting awards to supporting actor Jordan Gavaris (who plays Felix), supporting actress Maria Doyle Kennedy (Mrs. S) and guest performer Natalie Lisinska (Aynsley).

It also beat drama series rivals in categories for best writing, best direction, best photography, best picture editing and best production design or art direction.

The TMN/Movie Central comedy *Less Than Kind* collected four prizes in the comedy categories, including best supporting actor or guest actor for Nicholas Campbell, best direction, best photography and best picture editing.

Degrassi collected four awards in the children's or youth categories, including best series, best direction, best writing and best performance for young actor Dylan Everett (Campbell Saunders).

Winners in the marquee film and TV categories will be announced at a star-studded bash in Toronto on Sunday. Denis Villeneuve's surreal feature *Enemy* leads the film

contenders.

Martin Short hosts that bash in Toronto. It will be broadcast on CBC-TV.

In other early awards, Bravo's *The Borgias* was named best international drama, Space's *Borealis* earned best dramatic mini-series or TV movie and *Splat!* was named best children's or youth non-fiction program or series.

Multiple winners Wednesday included Rick Mercer Report, which nabbed best variety or sketch comedy program, best direction in a variety or sketch series, and best performance in a variety or sketch series for its star Mercer.

An industry gala on Tuesday night awarded multiple trophies to CTV's reality show *The Amazing Race Canada* and Food Network Canada's lifestyle series *You Gotta Eat Here!*

TSN's coverage of the Grey Cup topped sports categories with several wins, while CTV National News with Lisa LaFlamme was named best national newscast and CBC News: the fifth estate claimed best news information series.

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Director makes nod to classic car flicks

Need For Speed. In the age of CGI, stuntman-turned-filmmaker Scott Waugh celebrates the visceral ride

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They just don't crash 'em like they used to.

The era of computer-generated characters, green screen fakery and motion capture magic is upon us. Film has gone digital, right down to the cameras. You might say the days of the practical stuntman — who crashed real cars and put his life on the line for a great shot — is dead and gone.

Need for Speed director Scott Waugh would beg to differ. In his movie, "all of it's real."

"The only CGI I'm doing," he says, "is painting out the cameras that I have everywhere."

Waugh, a second generation



Scott Waugh directs Need For Speed, which opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

stuntman turned director, shot Need for Speed on location in Detroit with the most practical special effects possible. The classic car films of the 1960s and '70s were his inspiration.

"We still quote them," he says. "We quote Bullitt, we quote French Connection, we quote Grand Prix, Smokey and the Bandit."

"And that's what we're

trying to bring back on this movie.

"All the car driving's for real, we're going the speeds we say we're going and it's really a visceral ride."

Stuntman stuff

"I think a great stuntman has a great respect for fear. Because when you have that respect, you do everything you can to minimize and negate the problems that can come so you are safe. So if you don't have the fear, I think most people actually just get hurt, just not realizing the consequences are high," says Waugh.

But this isn't the '70s, and modern movies often demand more and more action sequences that seem impossible to do in real life. Not a problem for Waugh.

"It's just a matter of engineering it right," he says.

For just one of the film's jaw-dropping car jumps, Waugh and his team spent six months planning and getting the physics just right. For the human beings behind the wheel, it's time well spent.

"When you start travelling at the speeds we're travelling

during this film, the consequences are exponential," he says.

But it's not all about the crash bang boom. Waugh knows the importance of the leading man in a good car flick, and likens Need for Speed's star Aaron Paul to the King of Cool himself.

"He's one of the first people I've worked with in his age bracket that actually harnesses the Steve McQueen vibe," says Waugh of Paul.

"Steve had an incredible thing about him. He was dangerous as a person, he was charming, and he was loveable, and he was talented physically. That's a hard four to find in our current actors that are in the 20s age bracket, and he's [Aaron Paul] the only one to me that harnesses those qualities."

If you ask Waugh, the loveable Breaking Bad alumnus has the danger factor and the McQueen charm, but what about the physical part?

"I told him," laughs Waugh, "if he doesn't make it as an actor, he's got a great stunt career ahead of him."

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Ratings: Certified Fresh: 🍅 Fresh: 🍅 Rotten: 🍅 Audience response: 🍅 Audience anticipation for the film: +

Action



300: Rise of an Empire

Director. Noam Murro

Stars. Sullivan Stapleton, Eva Green

Based on Frank Miller's latest graphic novel, Xerxes, and told in the breathtaking visual style of the blockbuster 300, this new chapter of the epic saga takes the action to a fresh battlefield on the sea as Greek general Themistocles (Sullivan Stapleton) attempts to unite all of Greece by leading the charge that will change the course of the war.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 🍅 64% Audience: + 98%

Thriller



3 Days to Kill

Director. McG

Stars. Kevin Costner, Amber Heard

In this heart pounding action-thriller, Kevin Costner is a dangerous international spy, who is determined to give up his high stakes life to finally build a closer relationship with his estranged wife and daughter, whom he's previously kept at arm's length to keep out of danger. But first, he must complete one last mission.

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Comedy



No Clue

Director. Carl Bessai

Stars. Amy Smart, David Koechner, Brent Butt

When a low-level ad man is mistaken for a private eye by a gorgeous blonde, he pretends to be the PI she wants and offers to find her missing brother. But when the job turns violent, he realizes he's in way over his head.

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Canada's own superhero. Captain Canuck, the boy scout with superhuman strength, has been reinvisioned for a new generation

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When it comes to updating a disco-era comic book character for an action-filled generation, you need to make some crucial changes.

"These days, the whole idea of a superhero in tights doesn't really exist," said Fadi Hakim. "You do need boots, you need armour. You need that sort of thing."

Hakim is one of the creative minds behind the re-vamped Captain Canuck, a red-and-white clad superhero who first leapt — he doesn't fly but he has superhuman strength — from the comic book pages in 1975.

The series was temporarily shelved in 1976, but was back in stores from 1979 to 1981. A second version of Canuck appeared in 1993, then a third in 2004, but these were both limited runs.

Fast forward a decade, where the highest rated films chronicle the ka-pows, whacks and prak-praks of the X-Men, Justice League and Dark Knight, and the time appeared right for Canuck to reemerge from the Canadian wilderness of forgotten superheroes.

A new five-part web series featuring Canuck wrapped up this week (more are planned), a live-action suit has been unveiled for public appearances, and the film rights have been bought by Minds Eye Entertainment. Fans are even creating their own art based on the characters in the series.

"He is a boy scout that is a little apologetic and tongue in cheek," said Hakim, president of Captain Canuck Inc. and owner of Toronto's Lakeview Restaurant, about this new incarnation.

You see those qualities in the first episode of the web series. Canuck weaves his way through a Canada Day crowd on Parliament Hill in a rush to defuse a bomb. "Sorry, miss," he says to a female fan before interrupting a Platinum Blonde concert to locate the explosive.



Captain Canuck saves the day. CONTRIBUTED

Anthology

Resurrecting Nelvana

Captain Canuck isn't the only Canadian superhero emerging from the protective hands of comic book collectors or the dog-eared, twine-tied stacks in musty basements.

Pre-dating Wonder Woman, Nelvana of the North first appeared in comics in 1941 and ran for 31 issues.

The tribal legends about the witch-like daughter of Koliak, King of the Northern Lights, inspired comic creator Adrian Dingle to pen a story about Canada's first female superhero.

CGA Comics' Hope Nicholson and her partner, Rachel Richey, launched a Kickstarter campaign last year to raise money to publish a complete anthology of all the Nelvana comics. Within five days they reached — and then doubled — their goal of \$25,000. This spring, the 350-page book will be sent out to the project's crowdfunders.

"She is amazingly drawn, she is an Inuit super goddess, which is something that is really unusual," said



Rachel Richey and Hope Nicholson. CONTRIBUTED

Nicholson. "It is extremely Canadian. She actually, in one issue, arrives on a polar bear into battle, which is where Nelvana animation got its logo of a polar bear."

To create the anthology, they went to about 13 different private and public collections across Canada to scan each page. They managed to get all of them except for one which they could not find, said Nicholson, who also produced the Canadian superhero documentary *Lost Heroes*, currently airing on Super Channel. "It was in one private collector's collection but it was too damaged to scan, so I had to go to a reference library yesterday to get a microfiche scan." **DEAN LISK**

"Exploring Canadian identity is amazing," said Hakim. "It is very simple to play on that dry sense of humour that is almost clichéd, but we Canadians hold that dear, and it is important to us. That is what Captain Canuck is."

It was that representation of Canadian identity that first attracted Hakim to the character. He was six years old when he came across a Canuck comic at the

Dixie Flea Market near Toronto Pearson International Airport. The '70s comic followed the adventures of Tom Evans, a secret agent living in a futuristic 1993, who gains supernatural powers after an encounter with extraterrestrials.

"I had my own money, 25 cents, and I bought Captain Canuck No. 1," he said. "I didn't remember reading the story but I do remember getting as many issues as I could."

He was a patriotic character. He was vibrant. And then 'Canuck,' I didn't really know what 'Canuck' meant.

"I was born here, but am first generation, and, you know, singing O Canada in class, and the flag, and to see that in a comic book ... It puts things in perspective."

Hakim went from buying Canuck comics to introducing the character to a new generation after he met Richard Comely, the comic's

Voicing the Captain

In the web series, Captain Canuck is voiced by Kristen Holden-Ried (*Lost Girl*, *The Tudors*), with Paul Amos (*Lost Girl*), Laura Vandervoort (*Smallville*) and Golden Globe nominee Tatianna Maslany (*Orphan Black*) also lending their voices to characters. The five episode series can be viewed at captaincanuck.com.

creator. Hakim wanted to use the superhero's likeness on his restaurant's menu and approached Comely to see if he would allow it.

"I took a chance and emailed Richard and I couldn't believe it when he got back to me," said Hakim.

When the license for Captain Canuck became available, Hakim acquired the rights. One of the first people he brought on board to re-vamp the character was Paul Gardner.

"As a kid, I came from Scotland and I discovered the comic," said Gardner, creative director at Captain Canuck Inc. "I had Captain Britain over there, and they didn't have it here. Then, I saw Captain Canuck on a shelf, picked it up and fell in love with it. My way into Canada was sort of through the comic book."

The first question they asked themselves is what they would keep from the original series. "It went from being a fantasy — the big blue sky — to how do we do this practically so we don't have fans hate us," said Gardner. "It takes a village to raise a child; it's the same as taking a property like this."

While they changed the suit, and switched the gender of the character Blue Fox from male to female, they stuck to the spirit of Captain Canuck as a big boy scout with a conscious.

"We wanted to make this all inclusive, we wanted to make sure we stuck to our female audience and brought a bit more balance to the characters," said Gardner. "There is a big female audience."

"There are no big breasts, there is none of that nonsense," said Hakim. "So far, so great. We are growing it slowly, we are keeping it independent to the point where we have enough of a following we can take it to a bigger audiences."

The man inside the leather

How do you dress Captain Canuck? Not in tights, that's for sure, says David Pea, president of UD Replicas. "There is a lot of 'been there done that' with spandex. They can be convincing and realistic but they can also look cheap," he says.

Pea's Toronto-based company makes motorcycle suit replicas of pop culture costumes, from the Dark Knight and Man of Steel to KISS jackets and Star Wars.

"What the studios do with millions of dollars and massive budgets to create their costumes on films we have to some-

how reproduce out of leather for the public," he said.

Late last summer, Pea was approached to create a Captain Canuck suit. The costume was shown for the first time at Thursday's premiere of episode five of the animated series in Toronto.

"In the cartoon, Canuck has big shoulders, no waist and a little head, and they had to figure out how to get all that to work on a real person without it looking silly," says Pea. "It had to be done with human proportions." **METRO**

The mask

Taken from a life cast, a clay mold was later injected with red-and-white urethane rubber (the same stuff used for car bumpers and tires). Red earpieces were later attached and blue mesh lenses were placed in the eye sockets. "It looks bad-ass," says Pea, adding Canuck wears the mask over a white balaclava.

The maple leafs

There is the large, main maple leaf on the chest and on the back, but maple leafs were also silk-screened on each of the shoulders.

The effect

"It doesn't matter what you are built like when you put on our stuff," says Pea. "Even if our suits are too big on you, it naturally looks skin tight because of the muscle-wrapping design we have done. He is going to look like a tank. It is going to look like he has zero body fat."

The muscles

The Captain's shoulders, biceps, triceps, thighs and six-pack (more like eight-pack) were sculpted out of motorcycle-grade foam-body armour. The leather was then glued to the muscles and worked into the creases to make the suit look skin tight. It took more than a month to complete this phase.

The fabrics

The jackets and pants are made from a white heavy-grained Napa leather and two types of red suede. There is darker red suede for the details and a brighter red covered in silicone hexagon print. "It is a 3D-raised print and you can feel it with your finger when you run it across it. That was a nightmare to do, I am not going to lie," says Pea. "The philosophy of the character had to fit. He is a Canadian hero, so the fact it is made of something a little sturdier than spandex makes sense with our weather."

The boots

Also custom made, the knee-high boots are deep red with white trim. Snap buckles on the sides allow Canuck to pull them on. "These are the sexiest and coolest boots we have ever made and they scream Canada. There is no mistaking them for anyone but Captain Canuck." For the record, Canuck wears a size 11.

Canuck talk

Captain Canuck spared a few minutes from his crime-fighting crusade to answer a few need-to-know questions. Here is what red and white had to say:

Who is a Canadian hero?

Chris Hadfield sets an amazing example for all young Canadians — and he's one of the only men I know who can fly in space! A close second would be the True Patriot Love organization, which looks after all the men and women who risk their lives in military service.

Who is a zero?

There's a villain named Vex giving a succubus friend of mine a hard time recently. Reminds me I've got to return her Rush CDs...

What superhero would you like to go out with?

I don't have much of a personal life these days, but I did I hear Tessa Virtue's time has freed up recently.

Who is more patriotic, you or Captain America?

Being a patriot is not a contest for either of us. Curling, on the other hand... **METRO**

A brief history of comics

It's time to stop thinking 'comedians' when you hear the words 'Canada' and 'comics.' Here is a quick sampling of some of our illustrious illustrated past and present:

Johnny Canuck

Created as a political cartoon in the 1800s, this national personification was Canada's answer to Great Britain's John Bull and the U.S.'s Uncle Sam. Just like Barbie, Canuck was depicted as everything from a soldier to a "habitant" and a lumberjack — which is the basis for the Vancouver Canuck's logo.



Superman

We've all seen the "It will never fly" heritage moment; in 1933, Jerry Siegel and his Canadian cousin Joe Shuster created the building-leaping Man of Steel. Some of the original elements in the strip, like the name of the newspaper Clark Kent worked at, were inspired by Shuster's Toronto upbringing.

Golden Age of comics

When the War Exchange Conservation Act banned the import of luxury goods from the United States — yes, comics included — in the 1940s, a Golden Age of comics was started in Canada. Johnny Canuck was updated and new characters, like Nelvana of the Northern Lights, were introduced.

X-Men

Introduced in 1963, the popular comic series about humans with mutant powers had storylines take place in Canada — including how Alberta-born Wolverine had his skeleton bonded with Adamantium. The film series was partially shot in Canada, with Canuck actors portraying some of the key characters. Among them are Halifax's Ellen Page as Kitty Pryde, Shawn Ashmore as Iceman, and Canadian-born Anna Paquin as Rogue.



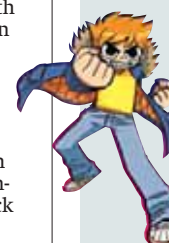
Alpha Flight and Northstar

First appearing in a 1979 edition of Uncanny X-Men, Alpha Flight was an all-Canadian superhero team that tried to capture Wolverine and bring him back to Canada. The team is made up of French, English and First Nation characters,

and was spun-off into its own series. One member of Alpha Flight, Northstar — Montreal-born Jean-Paul Beaubier — was one of the first openly gay comic book characters, and even married his partner, Kyle Jinadu, in 2012.

Tom McFarlane

A Calgary native, McFarlane worked on a number of famous comics in the '80s and '90s before creating his own character, the anti-hero Spawn.



Graphic novels

In recent years, Canadian cartoonists like Seth (Palookaville), Chester Brown (Louis Riel, Paying for It) and Bryan Lee O'Malley (the Scott Pilgrim series) have received acclaim for their graphic novels. **METRO**

Gotta be room for Gus on Breaking Bad spin-off

Better Call Saul. Add Giancarlo Esposito to the list of Breaking Bad alumni itching to join the drama's upcoming prequel

Giancarlo Esposito says he believes there's room for his drug kingpin character Gustavo Fring in the hotly anticipated spin-off to Breaking Bad, which centres on the dealings of sleazy lawyer Saul Goodman before he hooks up with meth-maker Walter White.

"I don't know how much room but certainly it takes place pre-Walt so there is that space in that moment of time to have Gustavo realized in that show, it certainly is completely possible," Esposito said in a recent phone interview to promote an appearance at Toronto Comicon this weekend.

Speaking from the set of his current series, Revolution, in Austin, Tex., the veteran actor says he considers



Giancarlo Esposito, left, in a scene from Breaking Bad. GREGORY PETERS/AMC

the ruthless Fring to be one of the best roles of his career, and credits Breaking Bad creator Vince Gilligan with the opportunity.

He would love for their TV partnership to continue.

"My people have talked to his people," Esposito says of Gilligan, who is listed as a co-

creator on Better Call Saul.

"They're in the writers' room now so they have to formulate exactly what the show is but they've asked if

Quoted

"I would always love to return to them because I think Vince is brilliant at what he does and I love the cast that he put together."

Giancarlo Esposito, on getting the chance to work on Better Call Saul

there would be any interest if they were able to figure it out. I always would love to return to them because I think Vince is brilliant at what he does and I love the cast that he put together. To be back with the Breaking Bad family is a very specific and very wonderful way to work."

The Emmy-winning Breaking Bad ended last year after five seasons.

Gilligan has said he'd welcome cameos from Breaking Bad actors in Better Call Saul, which will return Bob Odenkirk to the role of an Albuquerque attorney whose bread-and-butter is defending low-level criminals.

Breaking Bad co-star Aaron Paul, who played Walt's

student-turned-sidekick, has said he's game for revisiting Jesse Pinkman and has been in talks about bringing his character on board.

But it isn't clear if there will be room for Breaking Bad star Bryan Cranston, whose science-teacher-turned-dealer Walter White relied on Saul's money-laundering schemes as his empire grew.

One character that has reportedly been confirmed is Saul's trusted private investigator/fixer Mike Ehrmantraut, played by Jonathan Banks. And that may be Gus' avenue into the show.

Fans of Breaking Bad know that Mike also worked as security chief at Los Pollos Hermanos, the chicken chain Gus used to launder his drug spoils, and was an enforcer in Gus's drug operation.

If Gus is ever brought into the show, Esposito says he's confident it would be a natural fit to the overall Breaking Bad story.

"These writers are really good and they have a great way to be able to truthfully bring someone back."

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Justin Bieber ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

A banner day for Bieber: Police arrest sleeping fan and release urine-test vid

Police in suburban Atlanta arrested a woman they say was found sleeping in a bedroom at a home rented by Justin Bieber. Police say 23-year-old Qianying Zhao was found at the home Wednesday.

She told officers she had come to attend Bieber's birthday party and entered the unoccupied home through an unlocked door. But police say Bieber's party was earlier in the week at another location. She told officers she was Bieber's friend, but investigators believe she's one of millions of fans who follow him on

Twitter. She faces a charge of criminal trespass.

Meanwhile, a Miami police video of Justin Bieber giving a urine sample for a drug test after his arrest on driving under the influence and other charges was released Thursday, with sensitive portions blacked out as ordered by a judge.

The clips show the 20-year-old singer standing behind a low partition to provide the sample. A black box is imposed over his lower half to conceal any glimpse of his genitalia.

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JLaw gets off Oscar-free and couldn't be happier

Jennifer Lawrence went home empty-handed from the Oscars last weekend, but apparently that's just fine as far as she's concerned.

"Jennifer said she was so relieved she didn't win because she didn't want to go through what Anne Hathaway experienced. She's very aware that the backlash is already coming anyway," a source tells Radar Online. "She was sort of joking because her and Anne are actually friends, but she just knew that if she won the Oscar again it'd be like a target on her back."

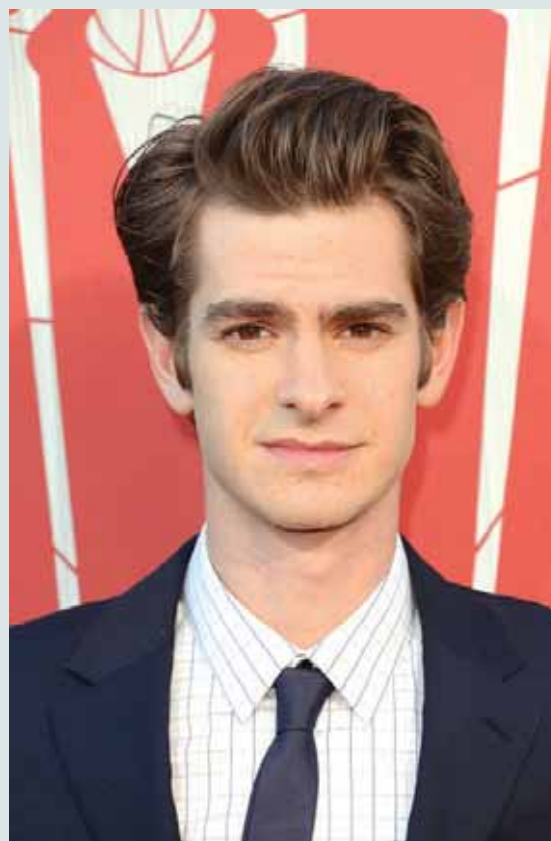


Jennifer Lawrence

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The Word



You've Gotham be kidding—Spidey star kills Batkid honour?

MELINDA TAUB

Metro World News

Did Andrew Garfield refuse to present with Batkid at the Oscars?

If there is any truth to this rumour, Andrew Garfield may have pole vaulted past Justin Bieber and Shia LaBeouf to take the prize for most unlikable celebrity of the year. Shia just screams at Alec Baldwin, who can probably take it; Andrew, rumour has it, broke the heart of a little boy who survived cancer.

Garfield was scheduled to appear at the Oscars on Sunday with Batkid, the little boy with cancer for whom San Francisco transformed into Gotham for a day. The

Spiderman star was to take part in an official ceremony to name Batkid an official superhero. However, Garfield apparently didn't like his lines and wanted to change them.

"Garfield refused to go by the script. He came up with his own lines. The producers felt that Garfield's (rewrites) were not appropriate. Garfield had a tantrum. He stormed off. Miles and his family, who were at the rehearsal, were devastated," a source told Page Six.

Producers decided to cut the Batkid segment from the show and sent Miles and his family to Disneyland instead—which, for a California kid, may not have been much of a thrill. I really hope Garfield's jerkishness is just a rumor, but even if he was a huge diva, it's not just him—this reflects terribly on everyone involved. Garfield, of course, comes off as a real jerk, but what would possess the Oscar producers to put such pressure on a small child in the first place?



Simon Cowell

Fatherhood brings out Cowell's soother side

While the first baby might have caught Simon Cowell somewhat off-guard, the "X Factor" boss is ready for more now that his son, Eric, has been born. "I was born to be a dad. I wouldn't rule out (more children)," he tells Extra. "I had a brother when I was younger, so I kind of think it's cool to have two or three." And the dynamic of

having a newborn at home with girlfriend Lauren Silverman hasn't been exactly what he was expecting: "Lauren's actually been crying more than Eric, so I've had to put one of those pacifiers in her, which she likes," he jokes. "Has to be fed every three hours, otherwise she gets a little bit grumpy, and Eric's absolutely fine."

Lance's Olsen twin romance subject of tell-all

Lance Armstrong was reportedly advised to ditch Ashley Olsen when the pair briefly dated back in 2007, according to new Armstrong tell-all book Cycle of Lies. John Koriath, head of Armstrong's Livestrong Foundation, "warned the 36-year-old father of three that his May-December romance could damage his cancer work," Julie Macur writes in the book. "Whoa, dude, bad idea," Koriath said. "You've got to put a stop to this right now." Armstrong apparently didn't appreciate the relationship advice. "She's 21," he reportedly responded.



Lance Armstrong

"F— you." But the relationship fizzled out after a few months anyway, with Armstrong moving on to Kate Hudson.

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That moment when you realize your over-zealous brother almost photo-bombed you and Angelina Jolie out of an epic #selfie



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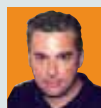


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Hey I just tried an after-dinner espresso and I feel kinda perky also am I the Ghost of Viking Jesus I am shaking shaking sTaRs

Liquid Assets

Wine warms up to soup



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Not every culinary creation was designed with wine in mind. Take soup for example.

The perennial meal starter has no one flavour profile. Hundreds of different recipes exist, so anointing a single wine to lord over them all is impossible. Oh, and did I mention

soup is mostly liquid? Wine doesn't play well with like-minded matter. Its idea of a perfect marriage is something solid that it can wrap its fruit, acid and, in the case of a red, tannins around.

That said, some soup styles are more wine friendly than others. Just

look to the fundamentals of their foundation.

Those with texture are accommodating and today's veg-based recipe has weight and stability, which gives it a level of solidity wines find appealing. I like low acid reds with this veggie-palooza.

Try a bright New World

Merlot, a juicy French Beaujolais or a plump New Zealand Pinot Noir like Villa Maria's 2012 Private Bin Pinot Noir (\$19.95 - \$24.99) — a silky blend of cherry and strawberry that checks all the right boxes. **PRICES REFLECT RANGE ACROSS COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

With cold weather still gripping the nation, a steaming bowl of soup is sure to warm you up. Bestselling Australian chef Donna Hay shows us how, with this recipe from her cookbook *Fast, Fresh, Simple*.



Dessert

Baked Whole Lemon Pudding

- 1 thin-skinned lemon
- 1 1/2 cups (330 g) caster (superfine) sugar
- 30 g butter, melted
- 3 egg yolks
- 3/4 cup (180 ml) single (pouring) cream
- 2 tbsp cornflour (cornstarch)

Preheat oven to 160 C (325 F). Cut the lemon into 8 pieces and remove any seeds. Place in a food processor with the sugar and process until very smooth. Add the butter, egg yolks, cream and cornflour and process until smooth. Pour mixture into 4 greased 1-cup capacity (250 ml) ovenproof pie dishes. Bake for 22–24 minutes or until just set. Serve warm or cold with vanilla ice-cream.

DONNA HAY, GUSTOTV.COM



Easy Vegetable Soup is as simple as chop, boil, simmer



This recipe serves four. BOTH PICTURES DONNA HAY



FAST, FRESH, SIMPLE
Donna Hay
gustotv.com

Nothing warms you up as quickly as a bowl of soup. This one features flavour enhancers such as onion, garlic and lemon thyme leaves as well as veggies and cheese to garnish.

1. Heat a saucepan over medium-high heat.
2. Add the oil, onion, garlic and thyme and cook for 3 minutes

or until soft.

3. Add the tomato, stock, carrot, zucchini and parsnip.

4. Cover and bring to the boil. Allow to simmer rapidly for 15 minutes or until the vegetables are tender.

5. To serve, ladle into bowls and top with salt, pepper and Parmesan. **WATCH DONNA HAY FAST, FRESH, SIMPLE THURSDAYS STARTING AT 10 P.M. EST/PT ON GUSTO TV, CANADA'S NEW FOOD & LIFESTYLE CHANNEL. VISIT GUSTOTV.COM FOR FULL PROGRAM LINE-UP AND MORE GREAT RECIPE IDEAS.**

Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 teaspoons lemon thyme leaves
- 2 cups (500 ml) tomato purée (tomato sauce)
- 2 cups (500 ml) chicken stock
- 1 carrot, peeled and grated
- 1 zucchini (courgette), peeled and grated
- 1 parsnip, peeled and grated
- sea salt and cracked black pepper
- finely grated Parmesan, to serve

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Inspiring change

This year's theme of International Women's Day highlights the valuable contributions of women entrepreneurs to the Canadian economy. Metro asked Arlene Dickinson, one of this country's best known independent marketing communications experts, for inspiration and advice to pass on to the next generation of female entrepreneurs.

- Know who you are and what core values you have that are non-negotiable, and don't be afraid to stand for those values against all public and personal resistance
- Know that there is no one "right way," but there is always a wrong way
- Surround yourself with people who give you good reason to pause and reflect on your opinion, and never be afraid to change your opinion because of what you have learned.
- Always fear people who don't speak the truth.
- If your gut says, "don't do it" then don't do it. It really is that simple. And if it says, "I'm scared but I feel I should try," then give it every ounce of effort you have and go for it. **PAULINE ANDERSON**

MICHELLE WILLIAMS
For Metro

Canada's theme for International Women's Day 2014 on Saturday is Strong Women, Strong Canada. So what could be more fitting than to focus on ways we can help guide our daughters along the path to becoming self-assured, resilient women?

Beth Malcolm, director of the Girls' Fund for the Canadian Women's Foundation, shares her advice for building strong and confident girls.

1 Talk to your daughter. It's important to maintain open dialogue. Discuss movies, music videos, current events, what's going on in her life, and listen to what she has to say. Hear her opinions, raise questions and encourage her to think critically, challenge stereotypes, value other peoples' opinions and form her own.

2 Allow her to take the lead. Give her opportunities to make choices about things like after-school and



To mark International Women's Day on Saturday, focus on ways you can help guide your daughters along the path to becoming self-assured, resilient women. WARREN GOLDSWAIN/SHUTTERSTOCK

family activities to help practise making good, healthy decisions — just be sure to stay close by to keep things safe.

3 Validate her experiences. If she has challenges

with friends or teachers, for example, avoid remarks like "it will all be fine tomorrow." Respect how she feels, bring in different perspectives and help her find solutions by

talking things through.

4 Help her develop a strong sense of connection to others. Encourage her to join teams and clubs to build social connections. Being on-

line shouldn't be the primary form of social interaction.

5 Encourage her to take safe risks. You instinctively want to protect, but girls do need to learn to be accountable for decisions and learn from their mistakes.

6 Stay connected to your child's school. There are many ways to be involved even if you can't volunteer in the classroom. Besides a good curriculum, your daughter's school should celebrate diversity, encourage the value of charity, and create a safe, caring environment.

7 Promote extracurricular activities. From music and art, to sports, public speaking and more, embrace the things your daughter is good at and encourage her to go outside her comfort zone, too.

8 Model self-confidence in your own behaviour. Your daughter shouldn't hear you criticizing things like your appearance or your weight. Value your own accomplishments and lead by example.

International Women's Day by the numbers

- Forty-seven per cent of all small and medium-sized businesses in Canada were entirely or partly owned by women in 2010, according to Industry Canada.
- \$148 million is the estimated contribution of majority-owned women's businesses as of 2011, reports RBC Economics.
- There were 950,000 self-employed women in Canada in 2012, accounting for 35.6 per cent of all self-employed persons, Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey reports.
- Eighty-four per cent of independent sales contractors are women, according to the Direct Sellers Association.
- More than \$53 million has been provided since 2007 by the federal government for projects that focus on improving women's economic security and prosperity, including more than \$9 million for projects addressing women's entrepreneurship.

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Moose survive late scare from Islanders

QMJHL. The Herd hold on for ninth straight victory



ANDREW RANKIN

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He didn't finish atop the scoresheet, nor did his play garner a star of the game honours, but Philippe Gadoury did score.

Again.

In fact the 19-year-old Mooseheads forward quietly increased his scoring streak to five games, helping the Herd to a 7-4 victory over the Charlottetown Islanders in what turned out to be a wild, penalty-filled affair before 7,755 fans at the Metro Centre on Thursday night.

All told, 55 penalties were handed out — 14 of which were misconducts. For Gadoury, who's scored 13 goals and five assists in 15 games with the Herd, it was as rough as he's seen it in his short career.

"It was probably the biggest battle I've been in," said Gadoury. "There were a lot of big hits, cheap shots and some fights. But it happens, it doesn't bother me."

It was not one of the Mooseheads' finer performances. They were clearly knocked off their game for stretches by a ruthless opponent, who was determined not to go down easy.

Trailing 4-2 entering the final frame, the Islanders scored a pair of goals in 22 seconds to tie the contest just over seven minutes in.



The Mooseheads' Andrew Ryan, centre, celebrates a third-period goal against the Islanders at the Metro Centre on Thursday night. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Quoted

"It was one of those games where we had to rally and overcome some adversity." Mooseheads forward Andrew Ryan

But a far more talented Mooseheads squad regrouped and responded with three unanswered goals to kill the visitors' hopes of a comeback.

"When you take a night off anyone can beat you in this league," said Andrew Ryan, who tallied the game-winner. "Obviously, tonight we didn't come out strong

and they capitalized on their chances."

The Mooseheads' leading scorers Nikolaj Ehlers and Jonathan Drouin added to their impressive point streaks. Picking up a goal and three assists, Ehlers increased his to nine games (17 goals, 10 assists), while Drouin notched an assist for four goals and 21

assists over 10 games.

With their ninth straight victory, the Mooseheads improve to 43-18-0-3.

They'll hit the road Saturday to take on the Saint John Sea Dogs.

Andrew Ryan and Darcy Ashley led the Herd with a pair of goals, while Brian Lovell rounded out the scoring for the Mooseheads.

Daniel Sprong paced the Islanders with a goal and pair of assists, while Spencer Cobbold, Alexandre Goulet and Anthony Cortese each had singles.



Cameron Wind of the Saint Mary's Huskies takes out an Acadia player on Thursday night.

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AUS hockey. Axe falls on Saint Mary's in Game 1 of championship series

The Acadia Axemen used a strong second period to beat the visiting Saint Mary's Huskies in Game 1 of their best-of-five men's Atlantic University Sport hockey final on Thursday night.

The Axemen outscored Saint Mary's 3-0 in the second period en route to a 6-3 win before a crowd of 2,041 at Acadia Arena.

Chris Owens, on the power play, Taylor Makin and Colin Archer scored in the

Huskies look to get even

Game 2 of the series goes Friday in Acadia. The series switches to the Halifax Forum for Game 3 on Sunday at 7 p.m.

middle frame to break what was a 2-2 deadlock through 20 minutes.

Owens finished with two goals and an assist en route to

first-star honours. Liam Heel, who also had three points, and Cullen Morrin rounded out the scoring.

Lucas Bloodoff scored twice for the Huskies, who tallied all of their markers on the power play. Michael D'Orazio had the other goal, while Stephen MacAulay had three assists.

It was a tough night for Saint Mary's netminder Anthony Peters, who allowed six goals on 22 shots. **METRO**

Basketball

Huskies in tough at CIS championship

Jonah Taussig knows his club can't make any mistakes this weekend.

The Saint Mary's Huskies head coach is leading his sixth-seeded team into a dogfight at the CIS men's basketball championship in Ottawa.

"We can't afford to have a bad game; we can't even afford to have a bad quarter," said Taussig.

They'll have to hit the ground running, facing off against the third-seeded Alberta Golden Bears in their quarter-final matchup on Friday afternoon.

It won't get any easier for the Huskies, who, if they prevail, will face the winner of the McMaster Marauders and defending champs Carleton Ravens.

"We're not the biggest team, but we have to use our strengths: our quickness and athleticism. But, it's a three-day tournament and anyone can get hot. So, we'll see what happens."

Rounding out the list of eight teams are No. 1 seeded Ottawa Gee-Gees, No. 4 Victoria Vikes, No. 5 McGill Redmen and No. 8 Saskatchewan Huskies.

The AUS announced its major women's basketball award winners on Thursday. For the second year in a row, Saint Mary's Huskies guard and East Preston native Justine Colley was named most valuable player. Cape Breton Capers' Alison Keough captured rookie of the year honours. **METRO**

NBL Canada

Rainmen fall to Mill Rats; playoff series tied 1-1

The Halifax Rainmen produced a slow start on Thursday, and paid for it.

The Rainmen couldn't recover from a 12-point halftime deficit, and fell 110-101 to the Saint John Mill Rats in National Basketball League of Canada playoff action at Harbour Station on Thursday.

The series is now tied at 1-1.

Chris Matthews led the Rainmen with 16 points, while Doug Herring Jr. paced the Mill Rats with 42 points.

Game 3 shifts to the Metro Centre on Friday.

METRO



Steven Stamkos was announced as the new Lightning captain before their 3-1 loss to the Sabres Thursday. MARK CARLSON/GETTY IMAGES

Sabres spoil captain Stamkos comeback

Callahan debuted.
Enroth outshines
Canadian star's return

Jhonas Enroth stole the spotlight from Tampa Bay star Steven Stamkos.

Enroth made 43 saves to spoil the return of Stamkos and the Buffalo Sabres beat the Lightning 3-1 on Thursday night.

Stamkos had been sidelined since breaking his right shin Nov. 11 at Boston, causing him to miss 45 games.

The centre received a partial standing ovation during pre-game introductions, when it was announced that he is the new team captain.

"For the most part I felt good," said Stamkos, who played 21:03. "It's a step in the right direction. You can feel it a little out there as the play progresses, but I felt like I played a lot tonight and felt pretty good. As the game went on, my timing felt great with the puck."

Right wing Ryan Callahan, acquired Wednesday from the New York Rangers for former Tampa Bay captain Martin

Quoted

"I thought he was probably the most dangerous player on the ice".

Jon Cooper, Lightning coach, about Steven Stamkos.

St. Louis, made his Lightning debut.

"As the game went on, I got more and more comfortable with who I was playing with," Callahan said. "More comfortable on the ice."

Tyler Myers, Marcus Foligno and Cody Hodgson

scored for the Sabres. Enroth stopped a combined nine shots by Stamkos (five) and Callahan (four).

"When we get good goaltending, we have a chance to win," Buffalo interim coach Ted Nolan said. "We were very opportunistic on our chances. Jhonas was the backbone, for sure."

Tyler Johnson ended Enroth's shutout bid with a short-handed goal at 17:31 of the third.

"I'm pretty (upset) that I didn't get the shutout, but that's hockey, I guess," Enroth said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NHL. MacKinnon breaks Gretzky's record streak

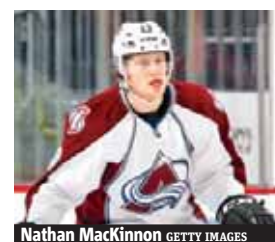
Andre Benoit scored off an assist from rookie Nathan MacKinnon with 31.4 seconds left in overtime, lifting the Colorado Avalanche to a 3-2 win over the Detroit Red Wings on Thursday night.

MacKinnon has a point in 13 straight games, breaking Wayne Gretzky's record for an 18-year-old NHL player.

Colorado's P.A. Parenteau made it a 2-all game 5:49 into the third period.

Detroit took leads on Niklas Kronwall's goal midway through the first period and Tomas Jurco's score with 7:50 left in the second.

Matt Duchene tied it at 1



Nathan MacKinnon GETTY IMAGES

midway through the second period.

Jean-Sebastien Giguere made 35 saves for the Avalanche, who have won four straight. Detroit's Jimmy Howard stopped 22 shots.

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Prodigy. Wiggins' single college year 'too quick'

Andrew Wiggins remembers sitting in the bleachers of Allen Fieldhouse long after the final whistle, watching as the crowd showered the departing Kansas players with love.

It may not have been that exact moment that the nation's No. 1 recruit decided he would play his only season of college basketball with the Jayhawks. But the outpouring of support on senior night certainly played a role in his decision, one that he doesn't regret for a moment.

"It went too quick," Wiggins said late Wednesday after his own version of senior night, tucked away in a small room not far from those stands where he sat a year ago.

"I wish I had more time to stay here and do my thing, just be here with the team and the coaches and all these wonderful fans," Wiggins said, thoughtfully. "That's one of the reasons I committed here. I came here on senior night and the fans were so loyal."

Kansas coach Bill Self stayed true to his promise after an 87-52 victory over Texas Tech, re-



Andrew Wiggins THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

serving most of the senior day traditions for his seniors. Tarik Black, Niko Roberts and Justin Wesley were honoured with framed jerseys.

But the coach who has guided the Jayhawks to 10 straight Big 12 titles also made sure to note what everybody already knew: The latest of them probably wouldn't have happened without Wiggins.

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Nicklas Lidstrom speaks during his jersey retirement ceremony on Thursday. LEON HALIP/GETTY IMAGES

Wings retire Lidstrom's No. 5

Nicklas Lidstrom was the last person to speak at his Detroit Red Wings jersey-retirement ceremony.

He might have spoken the least while perhaps saying the most, fittingly for a player who was subtly spectacular on the ice.

Lidstrom was honoured Thursday night before Detroit hosted the Colorado Avalanche. A red banner — with his last name and No. 5

in white — was raised to the rafters.

"It's not like winning a trophy for a successful season or playoff; it's not winning an individual trophy," he said on a puck-shaped podium. "This is something different. This is all about being a Detroit Red Wing."

The storied franchise previously retired six jerseys: Gordie Howe's No. 9, Steve Yzerman's No. 19, Ted Lind-

say's No. 7, Terry Sawchuk's No. 1, Alex Delvecchio's No. 10 and Sid Abel's No. 12.

Lidstrom helped the Red Wings win four of their 11 Stanley Cups between 1997 and 2008. He won seven Norris Trophies as the NHL's best defenceman and trailed only Bobby Orr's record total of eight.

Colorado won the game 3-2 in overtime.

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PGA

Storm wreaks havoc at Doral

Tiger Woods only made it through 10 holes Thursday, this time because of the weather, not his back.

Woods' return received an incomplete grade when the opening round of the Cadillac Championship was halted more than two hours by menacing thunderstorms.

Woods, who walked off after 13 holes Sunday in the

Honda Classic because of lower back pain and spasms, said he felt good during the delay. His golf didn't look all that great. He was 2 over par through 10 holes, ending the day with a wedge that came up some 20 yards short of his target, leading to a three-putt for bogey from about 55 feet.

Harris English finished with a 3-under 69 for a share of the lead with Jason Dufner, Hunter Mahan, Francesco Molinari and Patrick Reed. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NHL reduces Devils' Kovalchuk penalty

Hockey. New Jersey keeping first-round pick, fine reduced

The NHL reduced its penalty against the New Jersey Devils on Thursday for signing Ilya Kovalchuk in 2010.

The Devils will keep the first-round draft pick they were scheduled to forfeit this year, and the league will reduce the

\$3 million fine assessed against the team for circumventing the NHL-NHLPA collective bargaining agreement.

The Devils recently applied to the league for reconsideration and relief from a portion of the original penalty, citing primarily changes in circumstances which, in the club's view, changed the appropriateness of the sanctions.

The NHL did not spell out what changed, but Kovalchuk retired after last season and re-

turned to Russia to play there.

Devils president and general manager Lou Lamoriello said the franchise's new ownership asked the league to reconsider the penalty, and a hearing was held this year.

"We're pleased," said Lamoriello, who said several factors other than Kovalchuk's retirement went into the league's decision, without elaborating.

The league said the Devils will be entitled to the 30th selection overall — the last pick

in the first round — in the 2014 draft.

They will not be permitted to trade or transfer its right to that pick. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

The puck stops here

"It will be nice for the future to count on an extra No. 1 pick"

New Jersey goaltender Martin Brodeur reacts to the NHL's Kovalchuk decision



Former New Jersey Devils forward Ilya Kovalchuk. JASON DECROW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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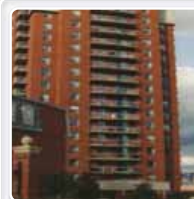
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♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Don't be afraid to disagree with authority. You respect the fact that they outrank you but you also know that if you do as they say you will regret it. Aries is the first sign of the zodiac so put your needs first.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You may be willing to change your plans to help someone out today but don't let them tell you that you are obliged to do so. Let them know this is a one-off situation.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may be annoyed that a loved one failed to consult you before taking a course of action that affects you, but don't let it show. Frankly, there are more important things you should be focusing on.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The journey you have started on may be long and hard but you are determined to reach the end, and with Jupiter on your side again there is no doubt you will succeed. Do you believe that? You should.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

The planets urge you not to plan too far ahead because even routine matters are likely to change over the days, weeks and months to come. You also need to be flexible.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

It's possible to be too generous and at some point today you will realize that your sympathy for someone was misplaced. There is no point getting angry about it, but try not to make the same mistake twice.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You have a tendency to fear the worst but with Jupiter moving in your favour again you will be visualizing all sorts of wonderful things. Good. What's in your mind's eye today will be reality tomorrow.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Someone you meet over the next few days will inspire you creatively and maybe romantically too. Will this new liaison stand the test of time? There is no way of knowing but it will be fun finding out!

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Someone will offer what sounds like good advice today but the planets warn they are thinking of their interests rather than yours. Listen to your inner voice.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

No matter how well you have planned things, there are sure to be hold-ups and disruptions today and over the weekend. Promise yourself that you won't get angry with people who move and think slowly.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You are unsure whether to push ahead with a new plan or to hold back and see how things develop. Hopefully it will be the former. The longer you wait, the more likely it is others will get ahead of you.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Someone you are fond of has made a silly mistake and feels bad about it. Give them an uplifting pep-talk. It's what they do next that counts.

SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. British Columbia city
7. US cable channel
10. Li'l music trio
13. City in northern Spain
14. The Wind in the Willows writer, Kenneth
16. Put down floor tiles again, say
17. Fashionable-no more
18. Towering
19. Ms. Andrews, new "Dancing with the Stars" co-host
21. Tears apart
22. Dietary designation on food packages
24. Baroque painter, Guido (b.1575 - d.1642)
25. Monastery boss
28. Extinct bird of Mauritius
30. Isle of exile for Napoleon
33. Mil. officers
35. Cacharel perfume
36. Unappealing food
37. "Cold Mountain" (2003) heroine, and others
38. Indiana basketball
40. Ms. Pinkett Smith
41. Ms. Campbell
42. Granny, in Germany
43. German actress Diane

45. From the beginning
46. He-sovereign
48. Bird's task, building
49. To laugh: French
51. Of prophets
53. Get the answer
55. Jean Arp's art
56. Zap
60. Plato title charac-

- ter ...a work by the ancient philosopher in which Socrates also features
62. 'The Cold Capitol Project' Hip-Hop artist from Ottawa, F.
64. Vexing
65. Amends-making person
66. Top with jeans

67. NBC show [acronym]
68. Lady's title in Spain

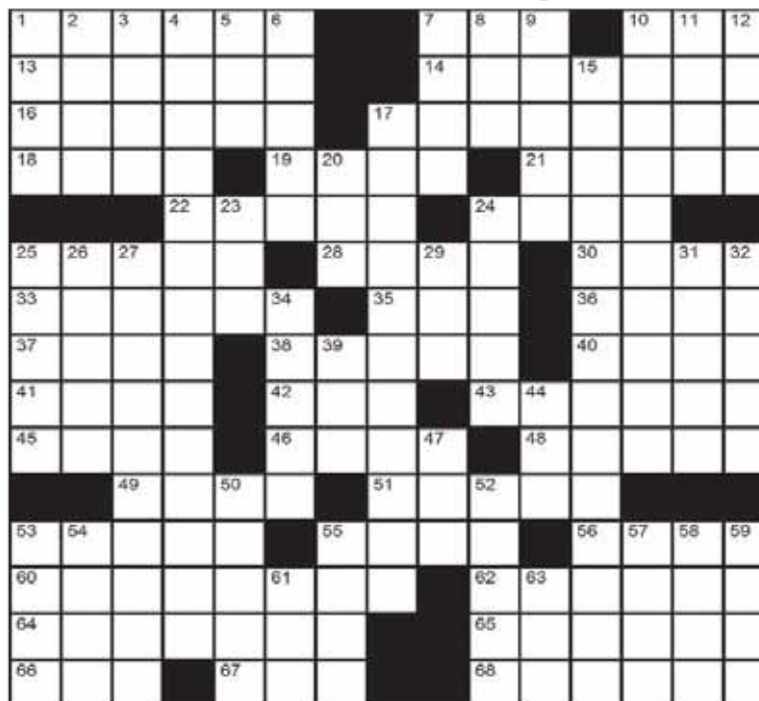
Down

1. Type
2. Iris spot
3. Streamlet
4. TV series, "The ___ of Vancouver"
5. Q. "What's actor

- Mr. Asner's first name?" A. "___, ___ believe."
6. Sing, Alps-style
7. "Son of ___!"
8. "The A-Team" star, ___
9. Inner circle
10. 1931 Emily Carr painting, Zunoqua of the ___

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11. Captain Hook's sidekick
12. Mr. Beatty's
15. Yukon locale, the 'Gateway to Klunene': 2 wds.
17. #10-Down's painting type: 3 wds.
20. Gnarly!
23. ___ & ___ (Telecommunications company)
24. Howard ___ (The Fountainhead architect)
25. Rod Stewart's first wife
26. VP Joe
27. Body of water on Montreal's Mount Royal: 2 wds.
29. Bambi's mother
31. Foretells
32. Isolated
34. Talked
39. Friend ...en français
44. Actress Aishwarya
47. ___ about (Rove)
50. Additional attempts
52. Spanish appetizers
53. Saliva
54. Elbe tributary
55. Fencing fight
57. Cornerstone word
58. Suffix with 'Game'
59. Vampire Weekend singer Mr. Koenig
61. '70s President (Monogram)
63. Path [abbr.]



Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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